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# UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

SECURITIES INVESTOR PROTECTION CORPORATION,

Plaintiff,

v.

BERNARD L. MADOFF INVESTMENT SECURITIES LLC,

Defendant.

In re:

BERNARD L. MADOFF,

Debtor.

IRVING H. PICARD, Trustee for the Liquidation of Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities LLC,

Plaintiff,

v.

SAMDIA FAMILY L.P., a Delaware limited partnership, SAMUEL L. MESSING, and DIANA L. MESSING,

Defendants.

Adv. Pro. No. 08-01789 (SMB)

SIPA LIQUIDATION

(Substantively Consolidated)

Adv. Pro. No. 10-04750 (SMB)

## **NOTICE OF MEDIATOR SELECTION**

On November 10, 2010, this Court entered the Order (1) Establishing Litigation Case Management Procedures for Avoidance Actions and (2) Amending the February 16, 2010 Protective Order (the "Order")<sup>1</sup> [Adv. Pro. No. 08-01789 (SMB), Dkt. No. 3141]. Pursuant to the Notice of Applicability filed by Plaintiff Irving H. Picard (the "Trustee"), as trustee for the liquidation of the business of Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities LLC ("BLMIS") under the Securities Investor Protection Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 78aaa, *et seq.* ("SIPA"), and the substantively consolidated estate of Bernard L. Madoff individually ("Madoff"), in this Adversary Proceeding on December 1, 2010 [Dkt. No. 2], the Order and the avoidance procedures contained therein (the "Avoidance Procedures") are applicable to the instant matter.

Pursuant to the Avoidance Procedures, on August 9, 2017 the Trustee filed with this Court the Notice of Mediation Referral [Dkt. No. 52], wherein the adversary proceeding was referred to mediation upon completion of discovery without further court order.

Through this Notice of Mediator Selection, and pursuant to the Avoidance Procedures and the Mediation Order, made applicable to the Trustee and Defendants (the "Parties") upon the filing of the Notice of Mediation Referral, the Parties hereby mutually select from the Mediation Register Ted A. Berkowitz, from the law firm of Farrell Fritz, to act as Mediator in this matter. The Parties further agree to contact Ted A. Berkowitz as soon as practicable after this Notice of Mediator Selection is filed with the Court.

The Parties further agree that no person shall act as Mediator if that person, or that person's firm, currently represents a party with respect to the BLMIS proceeding, unless the Parties provide prior written consent that the person may act as Mediator.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> All terms not defined herein shall be given the meaning ascribed to them in the Order.

Pursuant to the Avoidance Procedures, the Parties agree that this mediation will conclude within 120 days from the date that this Notice of Mediator Selection is filed, unless that deadline is extended by mutual consent of the Parties and the Mediator.

Dated: New York, New York August 30, 2017

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